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In re Patent Application of: Kunio NISHIMURA

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For: Heat Treatment Process for Fine Carbon Fiber  
Powder and Heat Treating Equipment

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action of April 1, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.